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Title: Need to drop the proposal to privatise the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) in Orissa.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): Sir, a serious situation has arisen in Orissa out of the Government of India's efforts to privatise the National Aluminium Company, a profit-making publis sector undertaking. This PSU has provided direct employment to thousands of people including skilled and unskilled workers. The NALCO which is regarded as pride and prestige of Orissa has been paying dividends to the Government every year since its inception. The Government of India will lose its control over the management once it is privatised.

The people of the entire State of Orissa are very much agitated on the privatisation move of the Government of India. The peace loving State like Orissa has already witnessed a number of demonstrations and strikes in the past couple of months. The situation will further aggravate if any attempt is made to privatise NALCO.

I request the Union Government to drop its bid to privatise the National Aluminium Company.